nominated to the Board of Directors of R.B.I., S.B.I., I.D.B.I. and other financial institutions an bdanks;

(b) what is the ratio of their representation on these boards at present; and

(c) what is the criterion followed in nominating these representatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) Appointment of non-official directors on the boards of Reserve Bank of India, public sector banks and financial institutions are made in accordance with the procedure and criteria prescribed in the relevant statutes. Government do nominate persons having special knowledge or experience in industry on the boards of banks and financial institutions in accordance with the above stautory provisions.

Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Finance

2116. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Willl the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Consultative Committee, apart from the Parliamentary Committees, in respect of his Ministry where represenetatives of various trade and commerce are nominated;

(b) if so, what criterion is followed in selecting these representatives; and

(c) the number of meetings normally held by this Committee during a year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

Monitoring Duty the Exemption

2117. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grant of duty exemption by Government from time to time is not effectively monitored;

(b) whether Government and allied agencies have failed to curb such malpractices; and

(c) if so, the steps Government now propose to take to check the implimentation duty exemptions in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The exemption from customs or excise duties are granted on merits of each case, taking into account all relevant considerations. The exemptions are granted in public interest by the Government.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Illicit Production of Mandrax

2118. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that clandestine production and illicit traffic in Mandrax has risen sizeably in the country during the past few years;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of rise in the production and illicit traffic of Mandrax during the last three years, year-wise according to the estimation, if any made by Government;

(c) what is the exisitng law to check illicit production of Mandrax in the country and what causes have been identified by Government for failure to check it; and

(d) the manner in which Government proposes to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The production and smuggling of Mandrax is a clandesiine activity, it cannot be said definitely whether it is increasing in the country or otherwise. However, available information about the quantity of Mandrax seized during the alst three vears is as under:

	Kgs
1991	4415
1992	7475
1993	14712

(c) The illicit production and trafficking of mandrax in the country attracts deterent penalties under the NDPS Act, 1985 including minimum mandatory sentence of 10 years. As a result of the increased enforcement effort, the traffickers are shifting the operations to new areas to avoid detection.

(d) Instructions have been issued to all enforcement agencies to maintain the utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts under the stringent provisions contained in the various Acts. Training is being imparted to officers to improve their effectiveness. Vehicles and communication equipments have been provided to enforcement agencies. Acetic Anthyride, one of the important ingredients for illict production of Methaqualone (Mandrax) has been declared as Controlled Substance' under the NDPS Act in 1993.

विदेशों से प्राप्त ऋण-राशि

2119. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वित्तीय वर्ष 1993–94 के आरंभिक 9 माह के दौरान विदेशों से ऋण तथा अनुदान के रूप में प्राप्त धनराशि इसी अवधि के दौरान विदेशों को लौटाई जाने वाली ऋण की किस्त और देय ब्याज की राशि से कम थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त अवधि के दौरान प्राप्त और अदा की गई धनराशियां कितनी-कितनी हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि गत वित्तीय वर्ष 1992–93 में ऋण अदायगी की किस्त और उस पर देय ब्याज की धनराशि ऋण और सहायता के रूप में प्राप्त धनराशि से अधिक थी; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि गत दो वर्षों से प्राप्त ऋण की राशि का उपयोग देश में उत्पादन के लिए नहीं किया गया है।

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अब्दार अहमद) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां। 1993–94 के पहले नौ महीनों के दौरान विदेशों से ऋण और अनुदानों के रूप में प्राप्त होने वाली राशि 4198.6 करोड़ रुपए (सरकारी खाते में) थी और ऋण और ब्याज की किश्तों के रूप में वापसी अदायगी की राशि 6367.3 करोड़ रुपए थी।

(ग) जी, नहीं। 1992–93 के दौरान ऋण और अनुदान के रूप में प्राप्त होने वाली राशि 9875.05 करोड़ रुपए थी, जबकि ऋण और ब्याज की वापसी अदायगी की राशि 8138.19 करोड़ रुपए थी।

(घ) जी, नहीं। 1992–93 में 8995 करोड़ रुपए की राशि का उपयोग किया गया और चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के प्रथम नौ महीनों में 3711.59 करोड़ रुपए का उपयोग किया गया है।

Foreign Funds sought by SCICI and ICICI

2120. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original intent of allowing SCICI and ICICI to seek funds abroad in the wake of economic liberalisation since 1991-92;

(b) details of the intention behind the permission granted to SCICI and ICICI to seek foreign funds;

(c) whether there was any need to rush headlong into foreign funds markets;